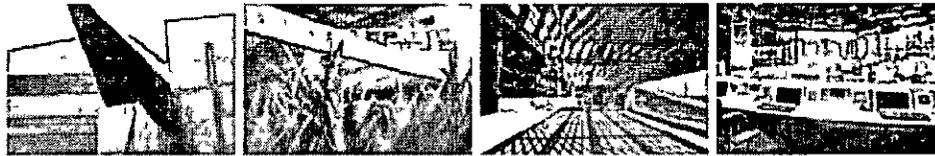


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# AGENDA



Thursday, March 01, 2007

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**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**ITEM No 19**

**Subject** Authorize award and execution of a contract with PRIESTER-MELL & NICHOLSON INC, Austin, TX, for 138kV high strength insulators in an amount not to exceed \$49,446

**Amount and Source of Funding** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of Austin Energy

**Fiscal Note** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**Additional Backup  
Material**

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**PM&N BID\_TAB**

**For More Information** Gabriel Guerrero, Buyer II/322-6060

**Purchasing Language** Lowest bid of four bids received

**MBE/WBE** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) No subcontracting opportunities were identified, therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation

The contract is for the purchase of 134 138kV high strength insulators. Insulators are used as a safety buffer between live electrical parts and unenergized structures in a substation. These insulators will be used for replacement of older equipment that does not meet the new mechanical requirements of the Decker Plant Substation structure. The addition of Sand Hill Power Plant has increased the amount of available fault current, which requires a higher strength insulator.

MBE/WBE Solicited 1/0 MBE/WBE Bid 0/0

**PRICE ANALYSIS** a Adequate competition b Eighteen notices were sent, including one MBE. There are no known WBEs for this commodity code. Five solicitations were issued. Four bids were received, with no response from the MBE. c This is the first purchase of the higher strength insulator, therefore, there is no pricing history available.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION** a Lowest bid b The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award. c Advertised on the Internet.

AGENDA DATE 03/01/07

VENDOR NAME· Priester-Mell & Nicholson

**BID TABULATION**

IFB No GGU0006

Insulators

(134 Qty)

<b><u>VENDOR</u></b>	<b><u>Unit Price</u></b>	<b><u>Total Price</u></b>
<b>Priester-Mell &amp; Nicholson Austin, TX</b>	<b>\$369.00</b>	<b>\$49,446.00</b>
Techline LTD Austin, TX	\$384 00	\$51,456 00
Power Supply Austin, TX	\$410 48	\$55,004 32
Power Reqs Inc Austin, TX	\$519 70	\$69,639 80

A bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office